

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 10, and 12 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A delivery-information management process for managing information which is to be delivered through a network, by using a computer, comprising the steps of:

(a) setting a rule for evaluation of information for an information group;

(b) when an information item is inputted, determining whether or not inconsistency occurs between said information item and at least one other information item which has been already inputted;

(c) when said information item is determined as inconsistent, resolving said inconsistency by one of modification of a previously registered information item or reinput of another information item;

~~(e)~~(d) when said information item is determined as consistent, classifying said information item having a predetermined attribute into said information group;

~~(d)~~(e) calculating an evaluation value of the information group by applying said rule for evaluation of information to the information item; and

~~(e)~~(f) storing the evaluation value in a database in association with the information group.

2. (Original) The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein said rule for evaluation of information defines a formula for calculating said evaluation value based on an evaluation point given by an information user who refers to the information item.

3. (Previously Presented) The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein said rule for evaluation of information defines a method for calculation of said evaluation value based on statistical information of the information item and an evaluation point given by an information user who refers to the information item.

4. (Original) The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein every time a new information item is classified into said information group, the evaluation value of said information group is updated based on an evaluation value of the new information item.

5. (Original) The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein an evaluation value of an information provider who provides the information item is calculated based on an evaluation value of the information item.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein a template for information to be registered is sent to an information provider of said information item, and information having a form corresponding to the template is received as said information item.

8. (Original) The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein said information item is delivered to a terminal used by an information user, in accordance with a rule for delivery of information, where said rule for delivery is associated with the information user.

9. (Previously Presented) The delivery-information management process according to claim 1, wherein said rule for evaluation of information is set differently for each of a plurality of evaluation periods.

10. (Currently Amended) An information management server for managing information which is to be delivered through a network, comprising:

an evaluation-rule setting unit which sets a rule for evaluation of information for an information group;

an inconsistency determining unit that determines whether or not an inconsistency occurs between an information item and at least one other information item which has been already inputted when said information item is inputted;

an information classifying unit which classifies an information item having a predetermined attribute into said information group when said information item having the predetermined attribute is determined as consistent;

an inconsistency resolving unit which resolves said inconsistency by one of modifying a previously registered information item or reinputting another information item, when said information item having the predetermined attribute is determined as inconsistent;

an evaluation-value calculation unit which calculates an evaluation value of the information group by applying said rule for evaluation of information to the information item; and

an information storing unit which stores the evaluation value in a database in association with the information group.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended)      A computer-readable recording medium which stores a delivery-information management program for managing information

which is to be delivered through a network, said delivery-information management program makes a computer perform a processing sequence which comprises the steps of:

(a) setting a rule for evaluation of information for an information group;

(b) when an information item having a predetermined attribute is inputted, determining whether or not inconsistency occurs between said information item and at least one other information item which has been already inputted;

(c) when said information item is determined as inconsistent, resolving said inconsistency by one of modification of a previously registered information item or reinput of another information item;

~~(e)~~(d) when said information item is determined as consistent, classifying said information item having the predetermined attribute into said information group;

~~(d)~~(e) calculating an evaluation value of the information group by applying said rule for evaluation of information to the information item; and

~~(e)~~(f) storing the evaluation value in a database in association with the information group.